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FAILURE MODES EFFECTS ANALYSIS (FMEA) -- CIL HARDWARE

NUMBER: 03-1-0232 -X

SUBSYSTEM NAME: MAIN PROPULSION

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MC284-0404-0032, -0042

PART DATA

PART NAME PART NUMBER
VENDOR NAME VENDOR NUMBER

LRU :LH2 MANIFOLD RELIEF SHUTOFF VALVE

CLOSE SOLENOID

UNITED SPACE ALLIANCE - NSLD 13111-5, -6

EXTENDED DESCRIPTION OF PART UNDER ANALYSIS:

VALVE, SOLENOID, NORMALLY CLOSED, 3 WAY, 1/4 INCH. LH2 FEEDLINE RELIEF SHUTOFF VALVE CONTROL. CLOSING (LV25).

VALVE WAS ORIGINALLY DESIGNED AND MANUFACTURED BY WRIGHT COMPONENTS (NOW PERKIN ELMER) BUT IS NOW MANUFACTURED BY UNITED SPACE ALLIANCE-NSLD AS AN ALTERNATE PRODUCTION AGENCY.

REFERENCE DESIGNATORS: LV25

QUANTITY OF LIKE ITEMS: 1

FUNCTION:

THE SOLENOID VALVE CONTROLS PNEUMATIC PRESSURE TO CLOSE THE NORMALLY OPEN LH2 FEEDLINE RELIEF SHUTOFF VALVE (PV8). THE SOLENOID VALVE MUST DEACTUATE TO ALLOW THE VALVE ACTUATOR TO VENT SO THE LH2 FEEDLINE RELIEF SHUTOFF VALVE CAN OPEN. THE RELIEF SHUTOFF VALVE IS MAINTAINED CLOSED FROM START OF PROPELLANT LOADING UNTIL MECO. THE SHUTOFF VALVE IS MOUNTED ON THE INBOARD FILL & DRAIN VALVE BODY.

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SUBSYSTEM NAME: MAIN PROPULSION

LRU: LH2 MANF RELIEF SOV CL SOLENOID (LV25)

ITEM NAME: LH2 MANF RELIEF SOV CL SOLENOID (LV25)

FAILURE MODE: 1R3

FAILURE MODE:

FAILS TO DEACTUATE (LH2 RELIEF SHUTOFF VALVE FAILS TO OPEN, REFERENCE FMEA/CIL 03-1-0437-01)

PREMATURE ACTUATION (LH2 RELIEF SHUTOFF VALVE FAILS TO REMAIN OPEN, REFERENCE FMEA/CIL 03-1-0437-01)

CAUSING CLOSING PRESSURE TO BE APPLIED TO THE VALVE ACTUATOR POST MECO.

MISSION PHASE: LO LIFT-OFF

VEHICLE/PAYLOAD/KIT EFFECTIVITY: 102 COLUMBIA

103 DISCOVERY104 ATLANTIS105 ENDEAVOUR

CAUSE:

FAILS TO DEACTUATE - PIECE PART STRUCTURAL FAILURE, BINDING, VENT CHECK VALVE FAILS TO OPEN, ACTUATOR PORT FILTER CLOGGED.

PREMATURE ACTUATION - PIECE PART STRUCTURAL FAILURE, SEAL/SEAT DAMAGE.

CRITICALITY 1/1 DURING INTACT ABORT ONLY? YES

RTLS RETURN TO LAUNCH SITE TAL TRANS-ATLANTIC LANDING

REDUNDANCY SCREEN A) PASS

B) PASS C) PASS

PASS/FAIL RATIONALE:

A)

B)PASSES B SCREEN SINCE THE LH2 RELIEF SHUTOFF VALVE (PV8) CLOSE POSITION SWITCH WILL NOT INDICATE "OFF". SOLENOID VALVE DOES NOT HAVE POSITION

INDICATOR.

C)

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- FAILURE EFFECTS -

(A) SUBSYSTEM:

NO EFFECT FOR NOMINAL MISSION. LH2 MANIFOLD PRESSURE WILL NOT RISE TO RELIEF PRESSURE BEFORE DUMP START.

ENOUGH RESIDUALS REMAIN IN THE LH2 MANIFOLD DURING AN RTLS/TAL ABORT TO CAUSE THE LH2 MANIFOLD PRESSURE TO RISE TO RELIEF PRESSURE. FAILURE RESULTS IN A LACK OF RELIEF CAPABILITY. POSSIBLE RUPTURE OF THE LH2 MANIFOLD CAUSING LH2 LEAKAGE INTO THE AFT COMPARTMENT, OVER-PRESSURIZATION, AND FIRE/EXPLOSION HAZARD. POSSIBLE LOSS OF ADJACENT CRITICAL COMPONENTS DUE TO CRYOGENIC EXPOSURE.

(B) INTERFACING SUBSYSTEM(S):

SAME AS A.

(C) MISSION:

NO EFFECT FOR NOMINAL MISSION. POSSIBLE LOSS OF CREW/VEHICLE DURING RTLS/TAL ABORT.

(D) CREW, VEHICLE, AND ELEMENT(S):

SAME AS C.

(E) FUNCTIONAL CRITICALITY EFFECTS:

1R/3 3 SUCCESS PATHS. TIME FRAME - POST MECO LH2 DUMP/VACUUM INERT.

- 1) LH2 RELIEF SHUTOFF CLOSING SOLENOID VALVE (LV25) PREMATURELY ACTUATES OR FAILS TO DEACTUATE.
- 2) OUTBOARD FILL & DRAIN VALVE (PV11) OR THE TOPPING VALVE (PV13) FAILS TO OPEN/REMAIN OPEN.
- 3) EITHER RTLS DUMP VALVE (PV17, 18) FAILS TO OPEN. RTLS DUMP VALVES ARE OPENED FOLLOWING MECO AT MECO+11 SECONDS FOR 110 SECONDS, BUT CAN BE RE-OPENED BY THE CREW IF MANIFOLD PRESSURE APPROACHES RELIEF PRESSURES. EFFECTIVE FOR OI-29 AND SUBS THE RTLS DUMP VALVES WILL BE USED FOR LH2 VACUUM INERTING.

RESULTS IN LACK OF LH2 MANIFOLD RELIEF CAPABILITY. POSSIBLE RUPTURE OF THE MANIFOLD CAUSING LH2 LEAKAGE INTO AFT COMPARTMENT, OVERPRESSURIZATION, AND FIRE/EXPLOSION HAZARD. POSSIBLE LOSS OF CRITICAL ADJACENT COMPONENTS DUE TO CRYOGENIC EXPOSURE. POSSIBLE LOSS OF CREW/VEHICLE.

-DISPOSITION RATIONALE-

(A) DESIGN:

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VALVE IS DESIGNED FOR A PRESSURE FACTOR OF SAFETY OF 2.0 PROOF, 4.0 BURST. THE CLOSURE DEVICE IS A 430 CRES BALL ACTING UPON EITHER OF TWO VESPEL SEATS. THE VALVE FEATURES A BALANCED LOAD ON THE BALL BY APPLYING INLET PRESSURE (750 PSIG NOMINAL) DIRECTLY TO THE BALL AT THE INLET SEAT AND INDIRECTLY (VIA A BELLOWS) THROUGH THE VENT SEAT. THE BELLOWS IS ASSISTED BY A SPRING, THE FORCE OF WHICH INSURES THE BALL IS HELD SECURELY AGAINST THE INLET SEAT WHEN THE SOLENOID IS DEENERGIZED. UPON BEING ENERGIZED THE SOLENOID DEVELOPS THE FORCE TO OVERCOME THE SPRING LOAD AND SEATS THE BALL ONTO THE VENT SEAT TO ALLOW HELIUM FLOW. TOTAL POPPET MOVEMENT (STROKE) IS LESS THAN 0.040 INCH.

PREMATURE ACTUATION

PREMATURE ACTUATION, FROM THE MECHANICAL VIEW, MEANS APPLICATION OF A DIFFERENTIAL FORCE TO THE VALVE BALL TO CAUSE IT TO MOVE FROM THE INLET SEAT TO THE VENT SEAT. ON THE SOLENOID SIDE OF THE BALL, NO MECHANICAL FAILURES WOULD CAUSE PREMATURE ACTUATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE CLOSING FORCE OF THE BELLOWS/SPRING WERE REMOVED, INLET PRESSURE AND FLOW ACTING ON THE BALL WOULD DRIVE IT TO THE VENT SEAT, CAUSING PREMATURE ACTUATION.

THE FORCE TO HOLD THE BALL TO THE INLET SEAT, WHEN THE SOLENOID IS DEENERGIZED, IS PROVIDED BY THE BELLOWS ASSEMBLY AND SPRING THROUGH THE VALVE POPPET. IF THE BELLOWS FAILS, OR LEAKS TO THE POINT OF REDUCING THE BELLOWS INTERNAL PRESSURE TO LESS THAN THE VALVE INLET PRESSURE, THE LOAD BALANCING FEATURE IS ELIMINATED AND THE BALL WOULD MOVE TO THE VENT SEAT. THE BELLOWS IS MADE OF NICKEL-COBALT-COPPER AND IS PROOF PRESSURE TESTED AT 1550 PSIG PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY INTO THE VALVE. IF THE SPRING BREAKS, THE PRESSURIZED BELLOWS WOULD EXERT SUFFICIENT FORCE TO RETURN THE BALL TO THE INLET SEAT; HOWEVER, SEAT LEAKAGE MAY RESULT. THE SPRING IS MADE FROM 17-7PH CRES (ELGILOY) WIRE AND IS HEAT TREATED FOLLOWING FORMING. IT HAS A SPRING RATE OF 13.5 POUNDS/INCH AND EXERTS A FORCE OF 7.54 POUNDS IN ITS INSTALLED CONDITION.

PREMATURE ACTUATION DUE TO SEAT/SEAL DAMAGE IS VERY UNLIKELY. THIS PRESUMES FLOW PAST THE SEATED BALL AT A RATE SUFFICIENT TO PRESSURIZE THE ACTUATION PORT TO A PRESSURE OF 400 PSIA MINIMUM, WHILE THE VENT PORT IS OPEN. THE BALL IS OF 430 CRES AND THE SEAT IS OF VESPEL.

FAILURE TO DEACTUATE

FOR THE VALVE TO FAIL TO DEACTUATE MEANS THE FORCE TO RETURN THE BALL TO THE INLET SEAT IS NOT PRESENT, THE FORCE HOLDING IT ON THE VENT SEAT IS NOT REMOVED, OR FLOW OUT THE VENT PORT IS PREVENTED. WHEN THE SOLENOID IS DEENERGIZED, THE FORCE TO RETURN THE BALL TO THE INLET SEAT IS PROVIDED BY THE BELLOWS ASSEMBLY AND SPRING THROUGH THE VALVE POPPET. IF THE BELLOWS FAILS, OR LEAKS TO THE POINT OF REDUCING THE BELLOWS INTERNAL PRESSURE TO LESS THAN THE VALVE INLET PRESSURE, THE LOAD BALANCING FEATURE IS ELIMINATED. INLET FLOW AGAINST THE BALL WOULD CONTINUE TO HOLD IT AGAINST THE VENT SEAT (AFTER DEENERGIZING THE SOLENOID) CAUSING THE VALVE TO FAIL TO DEACTUATE. THE BELLOWS ARE MADE OF NICKEL-COBALT-COPPER AND ARE ASSEMBLED INTO A SUB-ASSEMBLY. THIS SUB-ASSEMBLY IS PROOF PRESSURE TESTED AT 1550 PSIG PRIOR TO VALVE FINAL ASSEMBLY. IF THE SPRING BREAKS THE PRESSURIZED BELLOWS WOULD

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EXERT SUFFICIENT FORCE TO RETURN THE BALL TO THE INLET SEAT; HOWEVER, SEAT LEAKAGE MAY RESULT. THE SPRING IS MADE FROM 17-7PH CRES (ELGILOY) WIRE AND IS HEAT TREATED FOLLOWING FORMING. IT HAS A SPRING RATE OF 13.5 LB/INCH AND EXERTS A FORCE OF 7.54 LB. IN ITS INSTALLED CONDITION.

FAILURE TO REMOVE THE FORCE HOLDING THE BALL ON THE VENT SEAT, WHEN THE SOLENOID IS DEENERGIZED, COULD BE CAUSED BY BINDING IN THE SOLENOID. FORCE TO DRIVE THE BALL TO THE VENT SEAT IS DELIVERED FROM THE SOLENOID BY A PLUNGER AND BY TWO PUSHRODS (ALIGNED IN SERIES WITHIN, AND GUIDED BY, THE SOLENOID STOP). THE AREAS OF POTENTIAL BINDING ARE BETWEEN THE PLUNGER AND SOLENOID OR BETWEEN THE PUSHRODS AND THE SOLENOID STOP. TO PRECLUDE BURRS THE SOLENOID BORE IS HONED, AND TO PREVENT BINDING, THE PLUNGER IS COATED WITH A DRY-FILM LUBRICANT. THE SOLENOID STOP IS MADE OF A MUCH HARDER MATERIAL (430 CRES) THAN EITHER OF THE PUSHRODS (17-4PH AND 304 CRES) TO PREVENT GALLING.

THE VENT CHECK VALVE, WHICH SCREWS INTO THE SOLENOID VALVE VENT PORT, IS OF SIMPLE DESIGN, CONTAINING ONLY 5 PARTS. CRACK AND RESEAT PRESSURES ARE 0.5 PSID AND THE UNIT IS DESIGNED FOR 10,000 CYCLES. HIGH INLET PRESSURE (710 PSIA NOMINAL) ACTING ON A LARGE POPPET (0.603 INCH DIAMETER) PRODUCES A FORCE IN EXCESS OF 400 POUNDS TO ASSURE CHECK VALVE OPENING. THE CHECK VALVE BODY AND POPPET ARE OF 2024-T6 ALUMINUM, AND TO PREVENT GALLING OR BINDING, HAVE BEEN HARD ANODIZED.

TO PRECLUDE COCKING, THE POPPET STEM IS CLOSELY GUIDED OVER 50% OF ITS LENGTH BY THE BODY BORE (STEM, 0.139 INCH DIAMETER; BORE, 0.141 INCH DIAMETER).

CLOGGING OF THE 20 MICRON NOMINAL, 40 MICRON ABSOLUTE RATED, ACTUATION PORT FILTER WOULD PREVENT THE SOLENOID FROM VENTING THE ACTUATOR, CREATING THE EFFECT OF FAILURE TO DEACTUATE. THE FILTER IS PLEATED IN ORDER TO INCREASE SURFACE AREA.

THE -0022 CONFIGURATION WAS ADDED DUE TO A BELLOWS ASSEMBLY DESIGN CHANGE (P/N 24340 TO P/N 24340-1) TO ELIMINATE THE "SQUIRMED" CONDITION WHICH SOME OF THE ORIGINAL BELLOWS ASSEMBLIES EXPERIENCED DURING PROOF PRESSURE TESTING AT ATP. THE DESIGN CHANGE WAS MADE TO STRENGTHEN THE BELLOWS. BECAUSE THE DAMAGE OCCURRED DURING ATP, VALVES ALREADY IN THE FLEET (-0012 CONFIGURATION) WERE X-RAY TESTED AND ONLY VALVES WHICH HAD SQUIRMED BELLOWS WERE UPGRADED TO THE -0022 CONFIGURATION.

THE -0032 AND -0042 CONFIGURATION SOLENOID VALVES ARE IDENTICAL TO THE -0012 AND -0022 CONFIGURATION SOLENOID VALVES (RESPECTIVELY) WITH THE EXCEPTIONS OF ADDING THE FILTER (10 MICRON NOMINAL, 25 MICRON ABSOLUTE) IN THE VENT PORT OF THE SOLENOID VALVE AND REDESIGN OF THE VENT PORT CHECK VALVE. THIS FILTER WAS ADDED TO PREVENT CONTAMINATION AND METALLIC PARTICLES GENERATED DURING THE REMOVAL OF THE VENT PORT CHECK VALVE DURING OMRSD LEAKAGE MEASUREMENTS FROM ENTERING THE SOLENOID VALVE.

THE VENT PORT CHECK VALVE (P/N 11107-5) WAS REDESIGNED (P/N 11107-7) TO PREVENT THE POPPET FROM BEING EJECTED DUE TO SHEARING OF THE RETAINING NUT THREAD. A PIN WAS ADDED TO THE CHECK VALVE HOUSING, WHICH RETAINS THE POPPET WITHIN

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THE CHECK VALVE HOUSING. A NEW ALUMINUM NUT, WHICH PROVIDES A MINIMUM ENGAGEMENT OF THREE THREADS, WAS UTILIZED TO INCREASE RELIABILITY.

(B) TEST:

ATP

AMBIENT TEMPERATURE TESTS:

PROOF PRESSURE (1560 PSIG); EXTERNAL LEAKAGE (850 PSIG); ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND RESPONSE; INTERNAL LEAKAGE (740 PSIG, ENERGIZED AND DEENERGIZED).

REDUCED TEMPERATURE TESTS (-160 DEG F): ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND RESPONSE; INTERNAL LEAKAGE

ELECTRICAL BONDING TESTS

SOLENOID SUBASSEMBLY TESTS:

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS; ENCLOSURE LEAKAGE (ONE ATMOSPHERE).

CERTIFICATION

TWO UNITS -

PORT AND FITTING TORQUE

SALT FOG EXPOSURE FOLLOWED BY ELECTRICAL AND LEAKAGE CHECKS

AMBIENT VIBRATION TESTS: TOTAL 13.1 HOURS BOTH AXES FOR TWO VIBRATION LEVELS PLUS TRANSIENT VIBRATION SWEEP - RUN WITH ONE UNIT ENERGIZED AND ONE DEENERGIZED - FOLLOWED BY ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND LEAKAGE CHECKS

HANDLING SHOCK TEST

ENERGIZED AND DEENERGIZED FLOW TESTS

FIFTY HOUR CONTINUOUS CURRENT TEST AT 130 DEG F

TEMPERATURE ENDURANCE (4500 CYCLES FOLLOWED BY ELECTRICAL AND LEAKAGE CHECKS); 130 DEG F ENDURANCE (500 CYCLES FOLLOWED BY ELECTRICAL AND LEAKAGE CHECKS); OPERATION CYCLES (REPEATED 20 TIMES); REPEAT OF AMBIENT TEMPERATURE ENDURANCE; -160 DEG F ENDURANCE (500 CYCLES FOLLOWED BY ELECTRICAL AND LEAKAGE CHECKS)

DISASSEMBLY AND INSPECTION

BURST PRESSURE (3400 PSIG)

GROUND TURNAROUND TEST

ANY TURNAROUND CHECKOUT IS ACCOMPLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMRSD.

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(C) INSPECTION:

RECEIVING INSPECTION

RAW MATERIALS ARE VERIFIED BY INSPECTION FOR MATERIAL AND PROCESSES CERTIFICATION. BODY HOUSING BAR STOCK IS ULTRASONICALLY INSPECTED.

CONTAMINATION CONTROL

CLEANLINESS LEVEL VERIFIED TO 100A. CORROSION PROTECTION IS VERIFIED BY INSPECTION.

ASSEMBLY/INSTALLATION

10X MAGNIFICATION EXAMINATION OF ALL DETAIL PARTS FOR BURRS, DAMAGE AND CORROSION IS MADE PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY. ALL DETAIL PARTS ARE INSPECTED FOR DIMENSIONS. CRITICAL SURFACE FINISHES ARE INSPECTED USING A COMPARATOR AT 10X MAGNIFICATION. OTHER SURFACE FINISHES ARE INSPECTED AND VERIFIED WITH A PROFILOMETER. TORQUES ARE VERIFIED TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH DRAWING REQUIREMENTS. MANDATORY INSPECTION POINTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE.

CRITICAL PROCESS

WELDING, HEAT TREATMENT AND PARTS PASSIVATION VERIFIED BY INSPECTION. POTTING OF SOLDER CUPS, ELECTRICAL WIRE STRIPPING, AND SOLDERING OF CONNECTORS ARE VERIFIED BY INSPECTION. CHROME PLATING AND DRY FILM LUBRICATION ARE VERIFIED BY INSPECTION.

NONDESTRUCTIVE EVALUATION

WELDS VISUALLY EXAMINED & VERIFIED BY X-RAY AND DYE PENETRANT INSPECTIONS. THE SOLENOID ASSEMBLY IS SUBJECTED TO LEAKAGE VERIFICATION USING RADIOACTIVE TRACER TECHNIQUES. SOME VALVE BODIES WERE SUBJECTED TO 10X MAGNIFICATION INSPECTION ONLY. OTHER VALVE BODIES WERE SUBJECTED TO EDDY CURRENT INSPECTION, IN ADDITION TO 10X MAGNIFICATION. THE REMAINING VALVE BODIES WERE SUBJECTED TO 10X MAGNIFICATION, ETCH AND DYE PENETRANT INSPECTIONS. REFURBISHED VALVE BODIES WERE SUBJECTED TO 40X MAGNIFICATION INSPECTION. BELLOWS ASSEMBLY IS PROOF PRESSURE TESTED AND LEAK CHECKED.

TESTING

ATP VERIFIED BY INSPECTION.

HANDLING/PACKAGING

HANDLING, PACKAGING, STORAGE AND SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS ARE VERIFIED BY INSPECTION.

(D) FAILURE HISTORY:

DURING QUALIFICATION TESTING AT THE SUPPLIER (CAR AC3193), AND SUBSEQUENTLY AT KSC (CAR AC8975 AND AD0352), THE VALVES FAILED TO CYCLE (ACTUATE OR DEACTUATE) WHICH OCCASIONALLY PREVENTED PROPER OPERATION OF THE CONTROLLED PNEUMATIC VALVE. FAILURE INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED FRETTING ON THE PLUNGER AND IN THE BORE AREA. THIS GENERATED SMALL PARTICLES LEADING TO BINDING OF THE VALVES. THE FRETTING WAS THE RESULT OF A LACK OF REQUIRED LUBRICANT. THE CORRECTIVE ACTION WAS THE APPLICATION OF MICROSEAL (DRY FILM LUBRICANT) ON ALL

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NEW PARTS AND THE REPLACEMENT OF PLUNGERS WITH MICROSEAL WHEN VALVES WERE RETURNED TO THE SUPPLIER FOR REWORK.

FOUR SOLENOID VALVES FAILED TO ACTUATE PROPERLY DURING ATP. TWO FAILED TO ACTUATE DUE TO BINDING (CARS AC0737, ACO894) AND THE OTHER TWO FAILED DUE TO INCORRECT STROKE OF THE PLUNGER (CARS ACO739, AC1469). DETAIL PARTS WERE INCORRECTLY FABRICATED/ASSEMBLED. THESE VALVE DEFECTS WERE REPAIRED AND ARE ATP SCREENABLE.

AFTER THE ACTUATION SIGNAL WAS REMOVED, TWO VALVES AT NSTL VENTED CONTINUOUSLY (CAR A7662) DUE TO BINDING OF THE PLUNGER CAUSED BY BURRS AND GALLING. DETAIL PARTS WERE INCORRECTLY FABRICATED/ASSEMBLED. THESE VALVE DEFECTS WERE REPAIRED.

THE SOLENOID VALVE EXPERIENCED ERRATIC BUT ACCEPTABLE PERFORMANCE AT KSC DUE TO EXCESSIVE SLIDING FRICTION CAUSED BY BURRS, AND SHARP EDGES ON THE ARMATURE (CAR AC1181). THE CONTROLLED PNEUMATIC VALVE OPERATION WAS ACCEPTABLE. THE CORRECTIVE ACTION RESULTED IN THE REDESIGN OF THE VALVE TO ELIMINATE THE BURRS AND SHARP EDGES. INSPECTION WAS IMPROVED AND AN OMRSD REQUIREMENT FOR CURRENT SIGNATURE TRACE WAS IMPOSED.

CURRENT DATA ON TEST FAILURE, FLIGHT FAILURE, UNEXPLAINED ANOMALIES, AND OTHER FAILURES EXPERIENCED DURING GROUND PROCESSING ACTIVITY CAN BE FOUND IN THE PRACA DATABASE.

(E) OPERATIONAL USE:

LH2 MANIFOLD PRESSURE IS ON CAUTION AND WARNING. POST MECO/PRE DUMP: START MPS PROPELLANT DUMP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. POST DUMP: OPEN THE LH2 FILL/DRAIN VALVES.

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